

MINUTES
OF THE
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

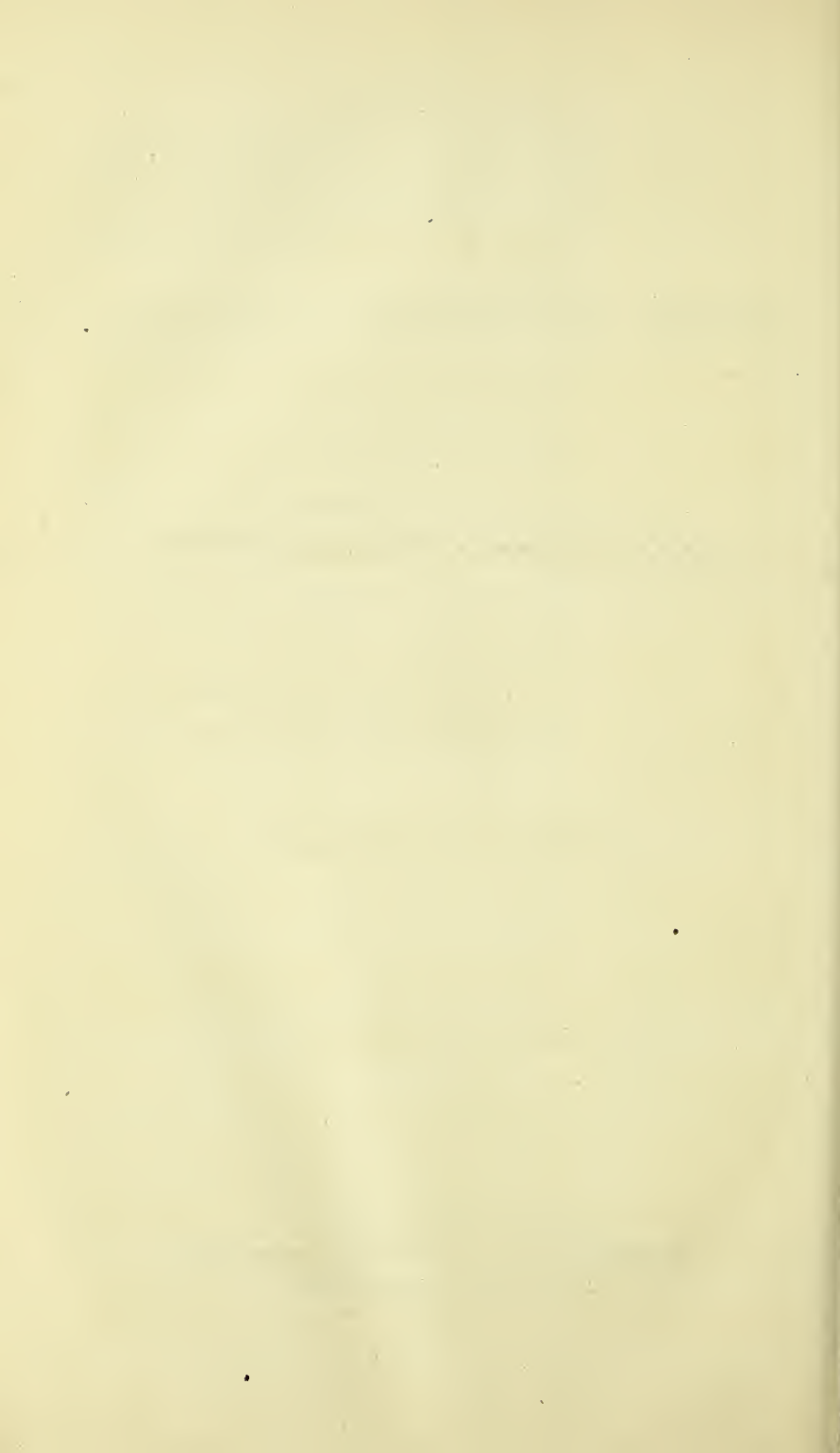
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AT
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MINUTES.

The Synod of South Carolina met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Sumter, S. C., at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., Wednesday, November 15th, 1871, and was opened with a Sermon on 2 Cor. ii, 16, by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D.

On calling the roll, the following persons were present :

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
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| Wm. Banks, | T. G. Culp, | Unity. |
| James Douglass, | Col. W. W. Walkup, (2) | Six-Mile Creek. |
| W. W. Ratchford, | E. N. Crawford, | Olivet. |
| H. R. Dickson, | Maj. M. D. L. McLeod, (2) | Rock Hill and Ebenezer. |
| John Lowrie Wilson, | Charles Douglass, (2) | Catholic. |
| Douglass Harrison, (2*) | J. A. Hafner, (2) | Pleasant Grove. |
| J. H. Saye, | | |
| James H. Douglass, (2) | | |
| J. S. Bailey, (2) | | |

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

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| Geo. Howe, D. D.,* | | |
| J. D. A. Brown, | | |
| P. Gowan, | | |
| J. T. McBryde, | | |
| T. H. Legaré, (3) | John Ferguson, (3) | Mount Pleasant. [ton. |
| J. L. Girardeau, D.D., (3) | James H. Taylor, (2) | Zion, (Glebe St.) Charles- |

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

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| W. Brearley, | J. J. James, | Darlington. |
| P. Pierson, | W. S. Brand, | Midway, |
| S. H. Hay, | A. M. Kennedy, (3) | Camden, |
| J. A. Cousar, | D. M. Ussery, | Beaver Creek. |
| J. G. Richards, | J. S. Thompson, | Liberty Hill. |
| J. McDowell, | E. R. Plowden, | Brewington. |
| W. A. Gregg, | W. W. Fraser, | Bishopville & Hephzibah |
| G. R. Brackett, | J. C. Sutherland, | Bennettsville. |
| J. E. Dunlap, | J. T. Walsh, (3) | Kinston. |
| E. H. Buist, | A. McQueen, | Cheraw. |

* (2) The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the session the members first appeared.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
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| W. S. Plumer, D. D., | D. R. Gregg, (2) | Hopewell. |
| D. McQueen, D. D., | C. Stiles, | Sumterville. |
| J. L. Wilson, D. D., (2) | Dr. Jos. A. James, (2) | Indiantown. |
| | T. Lauderdale, | Salem, Little River. |
| J. R. Dow, | S. L. Shaw, | Salem, Black River. |
| N. W. Edmunds, | J. A. Salter, | Union. |
| H. C. DuBose, | B. P. Barron, (2) | Manning. |
| W. W. Mills, | J. M. Lemmon, | Lebanon and Horeb. |
| | W. W. Broadhead, (2) | Concord. |
| | A. Flinn Wilson, | Mount Zion. |
| | W. M. Kinder, | Williamsburg. |
| | Col. T. S. Law, | Centre Point. |
| | J. P. Chase, | Florence. |

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

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| J. B. Hillhouse, | J. Wistar Simpson, (2) | Laurensville. |
| R. H. Reid, | S. Johnston, Esq., | Aveleigh. |
| W. P. Jacobs, | D. P. Piester, | Smyrna. |
| J. L. Martin, | Col. T. C. Perrin, | Abbeville. |
| H. Strong, | Dr. W. Phillips, | Liberty Spring. |
| D. E. Frierson, | A. O. Norris, | Anderson C. H. and Mid- |
| J. S. Young, | T. L. Woodside, (2) | Fairview. [way. |
| T. H. Law, | J. Birnie, (2) | Washington st., Green- |
| T. Ward White, | C. A. Berry, (2) | Nazareth. [ville. |
| E. T. Buist, D. D., (2) | | |
| J. O. Lindsay, (2) | | |
| J. B. Adger, D. D., (3) | | |

MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

Ministers absent.—S. L. Watson, L. W. Curtis, T. W. Erwin, A. A. James, J. E. White, Prof. J. M. Anderson, R. E. Cooper.

Churches not represented.—Allison Creek, Bethel, Beersheba, Bethesda and Zion, Beth Shiloh, Bullock's Creek, Cane-Creek, Carmel Hill, Cedar Shoal, Concord and Mt. Olivet, Douglas, Fairforest and Grindal Shoals, Fishing Creek, Harmony, Hephzibah, Hopewell, Lancasterville, Mt. Tabor, Purity, Salem, Shiloh, Unionville, Waxhaw, Yorkville.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

Ministers absent.—W. States Lee,* T. Smyth, D. D.,* E. Palmer,* J. S. K. Legaré, C. S. Vedder, W. H. Adams, F. L. Leeper.

Churches not represented.—Aiken, Barnwell, Beech Island, Central Church, Charleston, Edisto, First Church, Columbia, Harmony, James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Orangeburg, Second Church, Charleston, Stoney Creek, Summerville, Walterboro', Wilton.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

Ministers absent.—W. M. Reid,* G. Morgan, W. B. Corbett, H. M. Brearley, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett.*

*Excused for absence.

Churches not represented.—Aimwell, Beulah, Carolina, Cantire, Elon, Great Pee Dee, Hermon, Little Pee Dee, Lynchburg, Marion, Pine Tree, Pishah, Red Bluff, Reedy Creek, Scion, Turkey Creek, White Oak.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers absent.—J. L. Kennedy, W. Carlile,* S. Donnelly, R. A. Fair, D. McNeill Turner, D. D., W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, J. F. Gilbert, L. Z. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, E. F. Hyde, R. A. Mickle,* W. P. Gready, W. F. Pearson, J. Riley, J. McKittrick, A. P. Nicholson, L. K. Glasgow.

Churches not represented.—Antioch, Bethany, Bethel, Bethia, Broadway, Carmel, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Friendship, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Greenville, Honea Path, Hopewell, Hopewell, (Pendleton,) Lebanon, Little Mountain, Little River, Lodimont, Lisbon, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor, Nazareth, (B. D.,) New Harmony, Ninety-Six, North Pacolet, Pickens C. H., Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rock, Rocky River, Rocky Spring, Shady Grove, Spartanburg, Upper Long Cane, Tugalo, Varennes, Walhalla, Warrior's Creek, Williamston, Wilington.

Rev. H. R. Dickson was elected Moderator, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. W. A. Gregg Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McQueen, Synod resolved to commence its daily sessions at 9½ A. M., and close at 3 P. M., spending the last half hour of each day in devotional services.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, until to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

SUMTER, THURSDAY, NOV. 16th, 1871.

Synod met at 9½ A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. L. Martin.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. J. T. McBryde, the Rev. E. A. Bolles, of the Lutheran Synod of S. C., was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Communications were received from Rev. Thomas Smythe, D. D., Rev. Edward Palmer, Rev. John McLees, Rev. R. A. Mickle and Rev. W. M. Reid, with satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod.

The following persons came into Synod, were excused for tardiness, and enrolled, viz: Rev. E. T. Buist, D. D., Rev. J. O. Lindsay, Rev. D. Harrison, Rev. J. S. Bailey, Rev. J. H. Saye, Rev. James H. Douglass and Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and the Ruling Elders, James H. Taylor of Zion church, (Glebe street,) Charleston; James Birnie, (Washington street church,) Greenville; Col. W. W. Walkup, Six Mile Creek church; Charles Douglass, Catholic; J. A. Haffner, Pleasant Grove; C. A. Berry, Nazareth; T. L. Woodside, Fairview; Major M. D. L. McLeod,

*Excused for absence.

Rock Hill and Ebenezer; D. R. Gregg, Hopewell, (Harmony Presbytery;) J. Wistar Simpson, Laurensville; W. Broadhead, Concord, (Harmony Presbytery;) Dr. Joseph A. James, Indian-town; B. P. Barron, Esq., Manning.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Rev. E. A. Bolles, the Agent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, was invited to address the Synod in behalf of the Bible cause to-day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator then announced the following standing committees:

On Judiciary Committee.—Rev. D. E. Frierson, Rev. W. W. Mills and Col. T. C. Perrin.

On Bills and Overtures.—Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., J. L. Wilson and S. Johnstone.

On Narrative.—Rev. G. R. Brackett, Rev. J. L. Martin and A. McQueen.

On Theological Seminary.—Rev. J. R. Dow, Rev. J. T. McBride and S. L. Shaw.

On Finance.—A. O. Norris, Rev. J. G. Richards and E. N. Crawford.

On Presbyterian Records—Bethel.—Rev. J. G. Richards, Rev. P. Gowan and J. Thompson.

On Presbyterian Records—Charleston.—Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, Rev. J. McDowell and J. J. James.

On Presbyterian Records—South Carolina.—Rev. P. Pierson, Rev. James Douglass and J. P. Chase.

On Presbyterian Records—Harmony.—Rev. J. L. Martin, Rev. W. W. Ratchford and T. G. Culp.

On Minutes of the General Assembly.—Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. J. E. Dunlop and W. M. Kinder.

On Devotional Exercises.—Rev. D. McQueen, D. D., Rev. James Douglass and — Stiles.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. P. Gowan and Rev. T. H. Law.

A communication from the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia was presented by Rev. W. Banks, and on his motion was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Moderator of the Presbytery of Harmony was directed to convene that body at a convenient hour, to attend to such matters as may come before it.

On motion of Dr. Howe, committees were appointed to bring in minutes with reference to those ministers of the Synod who have died in the last year. The Moderator appointed the following, viz:

On Memorial Minute for Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D.—Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. P. Pierson and Col. T. C. Perrin.

Minute for Rev. George W. Boggs.—Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. E. H. Buist, Rev. W. M. Brearley and Elder A. O. Norris.

Minute for Rev. S. J. Price.—Rev. Dr. Plumer, Rev. W. Banks and Col. T. C. Law.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, a committee was appointed to write to the Rev. Edward Palmer, Sr., conveying to him the

warm and fraternal sympathy of this Synod, under his present trials and infirmities of age. Rev. J. R. Dow, Rev. Dr. Howard, Mr. J. H. Taylor were appointed this committee.

Col. T. C. Perrin, of the committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report at this meeting on "The Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers of the Synod of South Carolina, and their Widows and Orphans," stated that the committee had been unable to hold a meeting; but that a paper had been prepared to be submitted to that committee for its adoption, and asked whether it was the pleasure of the Synod to hear that paper at this time. On motion of Dr. Howe the paper was read; and on motion of Col. Perrin, the whole matter was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Presbyterial Narratives and Statistical Reports were then called for, read and referred; the former to the Committee on the Narrative, the latter to the Stated Clerk of Synod. The Statistical Reports are as follows, to wit:

Bethel Presbytery consists of 16 ministers and 33 churches, and has under its care 1 licentiate and 8 candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. S. J. Price from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and installed him pastor of the united churches of Lancasterville and Douglas; installed Rev. Wm. Banks pastor of the church of Waxhaw, and ordained and installed James H. Douglass pastor of Beersheba for one half of his time.

It has licensed R. Warren Boyd as a probationer of the Gospel ministry; and dismissed the licentiate, James S. White, to the care of Macon Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. W. Carothers and the united churches of Allison Creek and Beth Shiloh, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of South Alabama; and dismissed Rev. J. R. Baird to unite in forming the new Presbytery of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Rev. S. J. Price has departed this life.

Harmony Presbytery is composed of 22 ministers, 42 churches, 1 licentiate and 7 candidates.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. D. E. Frierson and the Hopewell church, the Rev. H. M. Brearley and the Red Bluff church, the Rev. G. R. Brackett, and the Scion church, at their request, and with the concurrence of the respective churches, has been dissolved.

Rev. James Cousar has been installed pastor of the Carolina church for one half his time; Rev. D. E. Frierson has been dismissed to the Presbytery of South Carolina, and the Rev. G. R. Brackett to the Presbytery of Charleston.

Hampden C. DuBose has been licensed and ordained as an Evangelist to China. Eugene Daniel has been licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

One new church has been organized in Marion County, under the name of Cantire.

The Presbytery of South Carolina consists of 32 ministers and 56 churches. It has under its care 2 licentiates and 7 candidates for the Gospel ministry. It has received Rev. D. E. Frierson from Harmony Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Anderson C. H. and Midway churches; Mr. H. Strong, licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of Liberty Spring church; Mr. J. S. Young, licentiate of Roanoke Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of Roberts and Good-Hope

churches. It has ordained as an Evangelist Mr. R. A. Fair, ruling elder of Abbeville church; it has dismissed Rev. S. J. Price to Bethel Presbytery, and Rev. A. A. Morse to the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa; and J. F. Latimer, licentiate, to the care of West Hanover Presbytery; and J. T. McBryde, licentiate, to the care of Charleston Presbytery. It has received Rev. T. Ward White from Arkansas Presbytery. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. F. Pearson and the Little Mountain church; also the pastoral relation between Rev. L. K. Glasgow and Wilington church. It has licensed Y. C. Ligon to preach the Gospel. It has organized a church, called Lisbon, in Laurens County.

The hour having arrived for the special order of the day, Rev. E. A. Bolles addressed the Synod in behalf of the Bible cause; when, on motion of Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, the Synod adopted the following minute:

"The Synod has heard with pleasure Rev. E. A. Bolles, Agent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, in relation to the great work of giving the Word of God to every creature. Synod ardently desires the success of this great work, and commends Mr. Bolles to the affectionate confidence of our people."*

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, Synod proceeded to fix the time and place for the next annual meeting; Columbia and Cheraw were nominated. Columbia was selected, and the time fixed on, the 13th day of November, 1872, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Martin, it was made the special order of this day, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the Presbyteries to report on the injunction of Synod in reference to the profitableness of the pastoral relations of ministers to their churches, and what action they have taken towards removing the evils of the Stated Supply system. Synod then proceeded to hear reports from the members present, respecting the order of the last Synod to preach on the relative duties of the pastor and his people, together with the amount of salary that each minister has received from his charge.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Law, this whole matter was referred to a special committee. On this committee the Moderator appointed Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. W. Banks, Rev. T. H. Law, with Elders J. H. Taylor, A. McQueen, E. N. Crawford and T. C. Perrin.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, from the Committee on Devotional Services, reported that Rev. D. E. Frierson preach to-night at 7½ o'clock, and the Rev. H. C. DuBose, a missionary, about to sail to China, would preach to-morrow night at the same hour; after which missionary addresses would be made by Dr. J. L. Wilson and others, and a collection be taken up for the cause of Foreign Missions. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Howe, the Stated Clerk of Synod was

* Persons wishing to communicate with Mr. Bolles concerning this cause, or wishing to procure Bibles, Testaments, etc., may address him at Columbia, S. C.

directed to print the lists of Ruling Elders and Deacons of all our churches, in an Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Dr. Howe, and adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

SUMTER, FRIDAY, November 17th.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., and Rev. T. H. Legaré, appeared in Synod, were excused for tardiness, and were enrolled.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McQueen, the special order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M. was postponed, and that hour fixed on to hear a sermon by Dr. Girardeau, on the subject assigned at the last meeting of Synod, on *Ministerial Consecration*. And, on motion of Rev. T. H. Law, the special order for 1 o'clock P. M. was now taken up, viz., Reports from the Presbyteries as to the profitableness of their pastoral relations, and as to what has been done in remedy of the system of stated supplies.

Rev. T. H. Law then presented the following Report from the Presbytery of South Carolina, to wit :

The Presbytery of South Carolina reports the number of churches with pastors, twenty ; stated supplies, twenty-four ; vacant, twelve.

As to the profitableness of pastoral relations, no sufficient data are before the committee, therefore we can make no definite report ; inasmuch as another committee has the matter in hand to report at the Spring meeting, we leave it to that committee.

As to what has been done to remedy the stated supply system ; we feel encouraged to hope that much progress has been made in the right direction.

1. The attention of the Presbytery has been directed to this subject, an interest awakened, and somewhat of a general determination reached to break up this system. Witness the prompt refusal of Presbytery at their last Fall meeting to grant the request of several churches for the services of a minister of the Presbytery as stated supply.

2. Those brethren who are occupying this position are beginning to recognize the unprofitableness and unscripturalness of the relation, as well as the evils growing out of it both to themselves and the churches.

3. Our churches are beginning to entertain more correct views on this subject ; and, consequently, becoming dissatisfied with the old order of things. Experience having taught them the evils of the system ; their judgment being enlightened by the recent agitation of the subject, they seem unwilling to remain longer in this anomalous position, and appear to be gradually approaching a state of mind which will result in their seeking a *pastoral*, instead of their *present* relation.

Rev. W. A. Gregg presented the report of Harmony Presbytery, as follows, to wit :

For the purpose of carrying out the injunctions of Synod, found on pages 9 and 10, of the printed minutes of 1869, Harmony Presbytery, ap-

pointed visiting committees to all the churches within its bounds. The reports of these various committees were submitted to a special committee, which prepared a report to Synod as follows :

Your committee is pleased to report, that the churches have not only received these committees with great cordiality, and rendered them all the assistance they could; but the reports furnish undoubted evidence of the wisdom of the Presbytery in adopting this mode of supervision of the churches under its care; and the prudence and faithfulness of the brethren who have been charged with these duties, as well as the most encouraging assurance of good results from the measure.

It appears that some of the churches are not fully organized for the work they are called upon to undertake; though they have abundant material for that purpose. Under our form of government a great deal depends upon the completeness of the organization of the churches. A full bench of elders and deacons, who are properly instructed in the nature and duties of their responsible office, and careful to labor with singleness of heart for the peace and prosperity of the Church, is essential to the efficient operation of our system of Church Government.

It is with deep regret that we feel ourselves compelled to call attention to the fact that in some of the churches there are no prayer-meetings; no Sabbath-Schools; no Bible-class; no public religious service in the absence of the minister, and no collections for the objects of benevolence approved by our Church. In other churches only a few families habitually assemble around the family altar, and in some instances this is the fact in the homes of some of the officers of the Church.

We notice also some negligence in regard to the payment of the salaries of pastors, stated supplies, and evangelists, which seems to be the result of a want of system in the contribution and collection of funds, rather than a want of means or a disposition to pay.

They have been faithfully rebuked, admonished and counselled by the visiting committees; and it is thought they are already making efforts to remove these obstacles to their prosperity.

There are some churches without a pastor, apparently contenting themselves with occasional preaching, when it is evident that the cause of their decline is this very want of a pastor's care.

The report of the visiting committees show that our ministers have generally consecrated their whole time to their ministerial duties, and whenever any of them are at all engaged in secular pursuits it is because of the necessity to labor outside of their sacred office for a support. The great majority of our churches are reported to be in good condition and striving for better things; while those who minister to them are zealous and faithful.

These reports were referred to the committee on *pastoral relations*.

The Presbyteries of Bethel and Charleston presented only verbal reports, by which it appeared that they are making progress in the right direction.

The Rev. P. Pierson, from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of South Carolina, reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. John G. Richards, from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bethel, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. J. L. Martin, from the Committee on the Minutes of the

Presbytery of Harmony, reported their approval, which was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Charleston, reported that the Records had not been placed in their hands, and asked to be discharged. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Martin, it was made the special order for this day, at 1 o'clock P. M., to hear from Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson in relation to the General Assembly's scheme of Sustentation and the Relief Fund.

On motion of Col. T. C. Perrin, the paper offered yesterday with reference to the Synod's "Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, their Widows and Orphans," was referred to the same committee appointed last year; and the committee was continued, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Plumer, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Minute relative to Rev. J. S. Price, lately deceased, presented the following, which was adopted, to wit :

The Rev. Samuel J. Price, who departed this life at Lancaster C. H., S. C., on the 1st November, 1871, was born and educated in Prince Edward county, Virginia. His parents were persons of high moral worth, and held in high esteem in the entire community where they were known. Our brother Price was twice married, first to Miss Michoux, of Prince Edward, and afterward to Miss Marshall, daughter of Col. James Marshall, late of Charlotte county, Virginia. He leaves behind him a widow, two sons and four daughters. Mr. Price was a good, faithful and tender preacher of the Gospel. He also labored very successfully in securing funds for Union Theological Seminary, and in the cause of female education. He was of a most friendly disposition, loved his brethren with a true affection, very faithfully met all the relative duties of life, and has left among us a name precious to us all. Brother Price was a well trained and powerful singer, and it should be recorded that his usefulness was greatly increased by the high order of his talents in sacred music. Nor can we forget the sweet words of the Psalmist, "The singers as well as the players on instruments shall be there."

Mr. Price's life was finally terminated by dropsy of the chest. His sufferings were great and protracted; but the grace of Christ was sufficient for him. He was wonderfully sustained, so that his soul did triumph in the Lord.

To his widow and children this Synod offer their most affectionate sympathies.

Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., appointed to bring in a Minute on the death of Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., presented the following report, which was adopted, viz. :

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute touching the death of the Rev. Dr. Leland, who has for years been the only survivor of the original members of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, beg leave to present as their report the following notice of his life and character :

The Rev. Aaron Whitney Leland was a son of the Rev. John Leland, pastor of the Congregational Church in Peru, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, was born on the 1st of October, 1787, and died on the 2d of Novem-

ber, 1871, having lived to the advanced age of more than eighty-four years. He was the fifth in lineal descent from Henry Leland, "the old Puritan," the founder of the family this side of the Atlantic, who was one of the earlier of "the Pilgrim Fathers." And though he died like the patriarch, "an old man and full of years," he did not differ in this from those of the family who preceded him. He was graduated at Williams College in 1808. In a month after he landed in Charleston, and in a few weeks was elected teacher in Mount Pleasant Academy. In June, 1809, he was married to the eldest daughter of the Hon. James Hibben, by whom he had six sons, one of whom died in infancy, and four daughters, all of whom were united in marriage to ministers of the Presbyterian Church. During the third semi-annual sessions of Harmony Presbytery he was taken under the care of that body, and in consideration of the destitute condition of the churches in his vicinity, and that he had for several years devoted much of his time to the study of divinity, he was licensed, after the usual trials, on the 6th of April, 1811, as a preacher of the Gospel. He was ordained as an evangelist on the 2d of May, 1812. His first efforts in the ministry were received with much favor, and a call for his pastoral services being presented to the Presbytery of Harmony by the First Presbyterian church in the city of Charleston, usually called the Scotch church, he was duly installed as its pastor by the appointment and authority of Presbytery. He was, therefore, at the time of his death, the oldest Presbyterian minister of the two Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, which at the time of his licensure were still component parts of the more extended Synod of the Carolinas. It is sixty years since he was licensed to preach the Gospel, more than fifty-two of which were spent in the active duties of his sacred office. In 1814 he received the honorary degree of A. M. from Brown University, and in 1815, at the comparatively early age of twenty-eight, he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the South Carolina Collegé. In 1833 he became Professor of Theology in the Seminary at Columbia, and filled this office till 1856, a period of twenty-three years, when he was transferred to the chair of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology, the duties of which office he discharged until disabled by paralysis near the close of 1863. During the first three years of his connection with the Seminary, he also ministered to the congregation of the First Presbyterian church in Columbia as its stated supply. He was a member of the General Assembly of 1837, and voted for the dissolution of the Plan of Union in that memorable year. He presided over the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as its Moderator in 1850.

Dr. Leland was magnificently endowed by his Creator with natural gifts, both as to his person and his mind. To the one belonged manly beauty, dignity, and grace; to the other enough of vigor, of perspicacity, and power of imagination, to make him attractive and successful in the calling he assumed. With a majestic form, courtly manners, a voice which was harmony itself, and a style sufficiently cultivated to attract the attention of men of refinement and taste, he would be expected to produce an impression on those who heard him not soon to be forgotten. And this was often the case. He could win the attention and charm his hearers, while reading publicly the sacred word or the song of praise, with that fitting modulation and emphasis which interpreted it as he read, ere he opened his lips, to set forth in his own often eloquent and persuasive words the truth of God. There were seasons when he was much moved with intense desire for the salvation of souls, and when his faithful words sank into the hearts of men, and were the means of their conversion. And there were also times when he came near to "the mountain that might be touched," and wrote bitter things against himself, not heeding for the moment that "blood of sprinkling, which speaketh better things than that of Abel." But these seasons were few, and God may have been working out his sanctification

even in these. In his happy moments, which were many, he was the most engaging of men. The power of his religious habits were as much illustrated after the mysterious stroke which disabled him from public duty fell upon him as ever before. On the 11th October, 1863, while entering a place of business on the public street, he was stricken prostrate with paralysis, lay insensible for some time, and was borne, as soon as consciousness returned, to his own home. But, punctual to his engagements, he soon arose, and nothing could prevent him from attempting to discharge his duties at the Seminary, where it was his turn that week to preside. Though the distance was considerable, he reached the place with tottering and uncertain steps. Before any of his colleagues could anticipate him, at the appointed signal which assembled the students he entered the pulpit, commenced as usual by invoking the presence of God, read, as he believed, a portion of the Psalms of David, gave out a hymn, united in the singing of it, and then, with the tones and countenance of one wrestling like Jacob with the Angel of the Covenant engaged in prayer. But in all this, though there were the usual modulations of the voice, the usual rhythm of the hymn, the wrestling earnestness of the suppliant—and it was an exceeding earnestness—not an intelligible word was spoken. To us it was an unmeaning jargon. The mysterious connection between the thought and its audible sign was broken. And yet it was most solemn and impressive, for it was the intercourse of the soul with its Maker in that most sublime and ennobling act of the creature, when it pours itself forth in the direct worship of its Creator and Redeemer. And so, through all these years of almost suspended intercourse with his fellow-men, have his life-long habits remained. He always had some spiritual book in reading. He read the Scriptures through in course several times in the year, till large portions of them, as well as hymns of praise, surprising in number, could be repeated from memory. And so he has done during these years of infirmity till God took him to his rest. The wife of his youth and mother of his children, whose memory is dear, who was a woman of intelligence and many virtues, and was his companion for forty-seven years, died December 28, 1856. On December 21st, 1859, he became united in marriage to Miss Clara Blight, a native of England, who, with unwearied care and constant devotion, has watched over him through these years of infirmity and painful sickness to the end. Of that fast approaching end he was fully conscious, and on his dying bed, in that imperfect language which was all that his once eloquent lips could then command, he gave utterance to that hope in Christ which had long been his comfort and joy.

His presence has been withdrawn for those years from the halls of sacred learning where he was employed in training our rising ministry, and from those judicatories of the Church in which he was once so prominent, and he has now come, in a sense that we who are now living have not, “unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of just men made perfect; and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant; and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

Dr. Howe also, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Minute relative to the death of Rev. Geo. W. Boggs, presented the following, which was adopted, to wit:

Rev. George W. Boggs was born in Bethesda congregation, York District, South Carolina, on the 20th of June, 1796. He was the youngest child of Joseph Boggs and Mary Renwick, his wife, and was baptised during the last illness of his father, by their pastor, Rev. Robert B. Walker. His parents were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, and his father, with his brothers, Aaron and Thomas, had migrated with their aged father from Pennsylv-

nia, where they first settled. When he was ten or eleven years of age, his mother, who was a woman of marked piety, and well versed in the Scriptures, was married to David Hamilton, of Pendleton, which then became the residence of herself and children.

As he grew up he had an irresistible desire to obtain an education, which was encouraged by the Rev. Andrew Brown, of the Bethel church, under whose influence he fell. He taught and attended school as a pupil alternately; pressing on continually in pursuit of that which he so much desired.

Under the recommendation of Mr. Brown he was employed as a family tutor by Col. Robert Anderson, who generously assisted him afterwards.

He taught in Georgia with J. S. Wilson, D. D., and spent some two years at school in Pendleton.

He became a member of Carmel church, under the ministry of Rev. Jas. Hillhouse, in his 19th year. At what age he felt himself called to the ministry is not remembered, but in 1824 he entered Hamden Sydney College, where he remained a year, and pursued the remainder of his College course at Amherst, where he graduated, it is believed in 1827, sharing the first honor with one of his classmates. He entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, the same year, where he remained until 1830. It was while others were considering what their duty might be, as to Foreign Missions, that he felt himself called upon to offer his services for the foreign field. He was accepted by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as a missionary for Bombay, and received licensure from the Middlesex Association in Massachusetts.

From August, 1831, to May, 1832, he was employed as an agent for the Board, chiefly in South Carolina.

The Synod at its meeting in Columbia, December, 1831, cordially recommended him and his cause to their churches, and pledged him support, so long as he should devote himself to Foreign Missions.

He was ordained by Charleston Union Presbytery in the Circular Church, Charleston, on the 14th of March, 1832, Dr. Leland preaching the sermon from Acts xxii, 21: "And he said unto me, depart, for I will send thee far hence to the Gentiles," and Rev. Dr. Palmer, (the elder,) presiding and delivering the charge.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Isabella W. Adger, relict of William Adger, and daughter of William Ellison, of Fairfield District, and on the 28th of May, 1832, embarked at Salem, Mass., on board the *Black Warrior*, John Endicott, Jr., Captain, for Bombay.

They were stationed at Ahmednuggur, one hundred and seventy-five miles in the interior, among the Mahrattas, for whose benefit he labored, and where they arrived December 19th, 1832.

They often spoke of the happy life they led, while laboring in the good cause, but the climate was more fatal to foreign residents than it is now, that it is better understood. To the children of foreigners it was fearfully destructive. Three of their children fell victims to the climate. Their second son died on the 15th December, 1837, and their daughter Mary two days after. It became necessary that Mrs. Boggs' own health should be recruited, by a return to her own country. The captain of the British vessel on which her passage had been taken, fearing from the predictions of medical men that she would die on the way, refused to receive her on board unless her husband should accompany her. This necessitated his return also, though it was in the hope that they might be permitted soon to return again to their missionary work. But in this they were disappointed. For many years her health bore violent traces of the tropical heats to which it had been exposed, as it did in a modified form until her death, and the hoped for resumption of their missionary labors was never realized.

His associates in college and the seminary have borne testimony to his devoted piety, and earnest efforts for the good of others, during that period

of his life. His zeal in the temperance cause was at that time very great, and he retained it long after his return from India. But after long observation he settled down in the conviction that the Church of God is the best and only permanent instrument of reformation in this, as in all of those destructive habits and vices which injure society, destroy the happiness and welfare of families, and call down the Divine wrath.

Mr. Boggs was a man of a sound mind, of a pure heart, of a firm and sincere faith, of whom it is written "they shall see God." In his best days, his discourses from the pulpit, though unadorned and pronounced without the grace of eloquent and impassioned delivery, were scriptural, instructive and sound, and well repaid the attentive listener. To the utmost of his ability and opportunities he strove to be useful in the Church.

He preached for a number of years to the churches of Horeb and Aimwell in Fairfield District. Some seventeen years ago he was stricken with paralysis, and afterward suffered from repeated attacks, which at last removed him to a better world, for which he was long since prepared, and where he has met her who less than a twelve-month before had preceded him thither. The missionary spirit always abode within him. And it has been affecting to see how he would labor amidst the infirmities of impaired speech and limbs, partially paralyzed, and diminished fortune to advance the Master's cause by the circulation of religious books, when he could do no more.

In his last illness his sufferings were sometimes great, yet his dying chamber was signalized by the power of sustaining grace. "Oh! what a blessed change it will be for me," he would say, "if my Saviour will only take me to Heaven to be with Him."

When asked if he felt secure in his hope? He said, "oh! yes, the Apostle Peter says, 'to you therefore who believe he is precious.' Now, Jesus is very precious to me, therefore *I know that I believe*. Our Saviour has declared that 'he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.' There can therefore be no doubt, for my faith is founded on a rock."

He spoke with those young persons, who were around him affectionately and solemnly about the salvation of their souls, drawing from them a promise that they would give attention to their eternal interests. He gave his parting counsels individually to his two sons and his relatives that were around him. He asked for the singing of "There is a fountain filled with blood," and "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," and the reading of Paul's farewell in the xx chap. of Acts, on which he commented. And as many of the neighbors had gathered in, among whom he supposed there was present one for whom he felt a special friendship, and who entertained skeptical doubts, he insisted on bearing his dying testimony to the truth of Christianity, which he did in a most remarkable manner, and with great persistence, till his voice utterly failed him. In such exercises he spent his last breath, sensible till the close of life, when with a wave of his hand, he pronounced his final farewell and entered into his rest.

"The chamber where the good man met his fate
Was privileged beyond the common walks of life."

He died at the house of his brother in Pickens District, on Monday night, the 14th of August, at the advanced age of seventy-five, and his remains were interred on Thursday, August 17th, 1871, in the cemetery of the Presbyterian church, at Winnsboro, S. C., where the most of his life was spent.

Synod then recessed from business for five minutes.

After recess, Synod came to order.

Rev. Dr. Wilson suggested that when Synod engages in devotional exercises to-day, special thanks be given to the Great Head of the Church for the useful lives and happy deaths of our

venerable brethren who have departed this life during the past year.

Rev. R. H. Reid offered his excuse for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which was sustained.

A communication from Rev. W. H. Adams, containing reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod, was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Mr. Joseph T. Walsh, Ruling Elder, from the Kinston church, came into Synod, was excused for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, from the Committee on Devotional Services, reported that Rev. J. O. Lindsay preach to-morrow at 11½ o'clock A. M. Approved.

On motion of Rev. D. E. Frierson, it was made the second order of the day to hear from Rev. Dr. Girardeau and Rev. J. O. Lindsay in behalf of the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

The Rev. J. L. Girardeau then delivered the sermon, to which he had been appointed by the last Synod, on *Ministerial Consecration and Support*.

After the conclusion of these religious services, Synod was called to order by the Moderator; when, on motion of Rev. Dr. Howe, it was resolved, *unanimously*, that the thanks of the Synod be presented to Dr. Girardeau for his discourse, and that a copy of it be sent to the Southern Presbyterian Review for publication, and also to Rev. E. T. Baird, Secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Publication, with a request for its publication for distribution in tract form.

Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. J. S. Young, and A. M. Kennedy, a Ruling Elder from the Church at Camden, came in, rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, and were enrolled.

Rev. Hugh McLees was excused for absence from the present sessions of Synod.

Synod then heard Rev. Dr. Wilson in behalf of Sustentation and the Relief Fund. Mr. James H. Taylor and Rev. J. H. Saye also spoke on the subject of the Relief Fund. Pending the discussion, the time for devotional exercises arrived, which were conducted under the direction of Rev. S. H. Hay.

Synod then adjourned until to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock.

SUMTER, SATURDAY, November 18th, 1871.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. G. R. Brackett. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Mr. A. O. Norris, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

The Committee have considered all the matters that have been referred to them. They find that the assessments that were made upon the Presbyteries by the last Synod have all been paid.

The expense of this Synod will exceed that of the last, as Synod has ordered the printing of the lists of the Ruling Elders and Deacons, in an Appendix to the Minutes of this year.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions :

1. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be, and he is hereby instructed to have at least 500 copies of the Minutes printed in the usual form, for distribution among the churches.

2. That the following assessments be made, to wit :

On South Carolina and Harmony Presbytery, each.....\$60
 “ Bethel and Charleston Presbytery, each..... 40
 And that the Treasurers of the respective Presbyteries collect the same, and pay it over to the Stated Clerk of Synod at an early day.

Under a motion of Mr. A. O. Norris, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., and A. O. Norris, to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. Wm. Carlile, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, an aged and afflicted member of this Synod.

Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented the following report, which was adopted, viz. :

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, report that most of the injunctions of that body are addressed to Presbyteries, and have probably already attracted their attention.

Some of the most important of these relate to Foreign Missions. It is affirmed that the field of our operations is continually widening, and demanding an increase of laborers, while the gifts to the Lord's treasury come from only a portion of the churches, and from parts only of these congregations. It is further stated that the providence of God seems to demand the sum of *fifty thousand* dollars to carry forward our missionary operations for the ensuing year.

In view of this, the committee recommend the adoption by this Synod of the following Resolutions, which are for substance those of the Assembly :

1. *Resolved*, That every church within our bounds be urged to contribute to this cause, during this Synodical year, a sum equal to fifty cents for each communing member.

2. *Resolved*, That ministers and sessions be instructed to consider whether the monthly concert of prayer might not be profitably revived where it has been discontinued.

3. *Resolved*, That we unite with the Assembly in recommending the paper entitled *The Missionary* to our ministers and people as containing the latest and best missionary intelligence to be had.

In reference to resolution 2d on page 25, viz :

“*Resolved*, That each Synod is hereby instructed to publish to the churches under its care a schedule of times suitable to them for contributing to each of the Assembly's committees,”

We recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That we see no reason to depart from the times heretofore recommended, viz : For sustentation on the 1st. Sabbath in January ; for publication on the 1st. Sabbath in March ; for foreign missions the 1st. Sabbath in May ; for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers on the 1st Sabbath in July ; for the Evangelistic fund on the 1st. Sabbath in September ; and for education on the 1st. Sabbath in November ; or at such times immediately after these days as shall be most convenient.

The Committee would direct the attention of the Synod to the action taken by the Assembly on the subject of sustentation, found on pages 34 and

35 of the printed minutes, beginning at the bottom of page 34, that they may inquire of the Presbyteries whether they have paid attention to the injunctions of that body.

They would further suggest that the Synod re-affirm the recommendations of the Assembly touching Sabbath-Schools, found on pages 27 and 28, viz :

"That the Sabbath-Schools connected with our congregations be always conducted under the supervision and control of the pastor and session, as a part of the Church organization, and that the session shall select the superintendent, who shall nominate with their approbation the teachers ; ordain the method of instruction, and direct the selection of books."

The committee also call the attention of Synod, but only as a matter of information, to the record of the Assembly, page 14, touching the approval of the records of this body, viz :

"The records of the Synod of South Carolina were also approved, it being understood, however, that the Assembly does not express any opinion as to the propriety of the decision of the Synod in pronouncing irregular, a meeting of the Charleston Presbytery, because no ruling elder was present."

On motion of Rev. Dr. McQueen, Rev. H. A. C. Walker, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (South,) was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod then proceeded to call upon the Presbyteries for reports as to the manner in which they had attended to the injunction of the General Assembly on the subject of *Evangelistic* work. On motion of Dr. Adger, the subject was placed on the docket.

Mr. John Ferguson, Ruling Elder from the Mount Pleasant church, (near Charleston,) appeared in Synod, was excused for tardiness, and was enrolled.

On motion of Dr. McQueen, the Committee appointed to write a letter to Rev. W. Carlile were authorized to prepare the letter after the adjournment of Synod.

Rev. J. R. Dow, from the Committee appointed to draft a letter to Rev. Edward Palmer, Sr., reported a letter, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to him.

On motion of Rev. James H. Saye, Synod appointed a Committee to wait upon Rev. J. L. Bartlett, an afflicted member of this Body, living in Sumter, and to convey to him the sympathy of the Synod. Rev. J. H. Saye, Rev. J. McDowell, and Elder A. McQueen were appointed this Committee.

Under a motion of Rev. Hugh Strong, the Moderator appointed a Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Strong, Rev. G. R. Brackett and Elder E. A. Crawford, to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. W. M. Reid, an afflicted, venerable and beloved member of this Synod.

On motion of Rev. J. McDowell, the following paper was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the low state of religion in our land, and the many afflictions that are upon us as a people, this Synod will overture the next General Assembly, to appoint a day to be observed throughout our whole Church, as a day of *fasting, humiliation and prayer*, for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us, for the revival of pure religion, and for the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Dow, it was made the first special order after Divine Service this morning to hear the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, and addresses from Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., and Rev J. O. Lindsay, in favor of completing the endowment of that institution.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, in behalf of Sustentation and the Relief Fund.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the general subject of pastoral relations, submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz :

From the statements made by the several ministers in regard to the salaries received by them for the last year reported, it appears that the average salaries in Bethel Presbytery was about \$521; in Charleston Presbytery, about \$1230; in Harmony Presbytery, about \$720; in South Carolina Presbytery, about \$700; making an *average* of \$720, as far as reported.

These we deem as encouraging facts, and should stimulate us to go forward in this work of agitating the subject.

As to the profitableness of existing pastoral relations and what has been done to remedy the "Stated Supply System," only two Presbyteries—Harmony and South Carolina—make any report. But the facts reported in both of these Presbyteries are of a cheering character.

Inasmuch as the General Assembly at its last meeting took special action upon this subject, enjoining it upon the Presbyteries to give attention to it, your Committee recommend that the Presbyteries in our bounds be directed to carry out fully those resolutions of the Assembly. (See printed minutes of 1871, pp. 344, 345.)

Rev. Dr. McQueen, from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported further, and the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

Rev. G. R. Brackett preach in this house to-night, at half-past 7 o'clock.

On Sabbath in the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., preach at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., conduct the communion services.

Rev. P. Gowan and Rev. W. P. Jacobs, address the Sabbath-Schools of the town, at half-past 3 o'clock P. M.

Rev. T. Ward White, preach at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

Methodist Church.

Rev. John R. Dow, preach at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. E. T. Buist, D. D., preach at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

Baptist Church.

Rev. E. H. Buist, preach at 11 o'clock A. M.

Synod then recessed from business until after public worship.

After public worship, Synod was called together by the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., was requested to deliver a sermon at the next meeting of Synod, on the subject of the pastoral relation, and support of the ministry.

The special order of the day for this hour, was then taken up, and Rev. J. R. Dow presented the report from the Committee on the Theological Seminary, which was approved, and was in substance, as follows, to wit:

The Synod of South Carolina feels a deep interest in the Theological Seminary located in its bounds, and rejoices in the measure of prosperity which the Lord is now bestowing upon it, in the large and increasing number of its students, its full and efficient corps of Professors, and its extensive and valuable library. But as a large portion of its endowment has been lost by the results of the late war, it is exceedingly desirable that it should be increased at an early day, so that it may no longer be necessary to call every year upon the churches to contribute for its support. The Rev. E. W. Green, of the Synod of Georgia, has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Seminary, to prosecute the work of completing its endowment; and we rejoice to learn that he has already met with encouraging success.

Only a part of the amount assessed by the last Synod on the Presbyteries for aiding in the support of the Seminary was collected. Your Committee would recommend that the churches of this Synod, raise for this object the present year the sum of \$1300, to be apportioned among the Presbyteries as follows, to wit:

South Carolina and Harmony, each \$400.

Bethel and Charleston, each \$250.

Synod then appointed Rev. J. Lourie Wilson, of Bethel, Rev. G. R. Brackett, of Charleston, Rev. J. O. Lindsay, of South Carolina, and Rev. J. R. Dow, of Harmony, to superintend the collection of the money in their respective Presbyteries.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau and Rev. J. O. Lindsay then addressed the Synod on behalf of the Seminary; when, on motion of Mr. A. M. Kennedy, it was

Resolved, That Synod has heard, with pleasure, these addresses, and cordially commend this cause to our churches; and that Dr. Girardeau be requested to furnish a copy of the address which he read, for publication in the Southern Presbyterian.

Rev. J. D. A. Brown presented the narrative from the Presbytery of Charleston, which was referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Rev. R. L. Brackett presented the report of the Committee on the Synod's Narrative, which was adopted, as follows, viz:

The progress of religion in a community (as in the individual soul) is not measured by immediate visible results in the conversion of sinners, or the extension of the boundaries of the Church. We are to consider what is resisted and overcome, as well as what is positively achieved. The power and glory of religion is, in the eye of the Master, more essentially and conspicuously manifested in the earnest endeavor and persevering conflict, than in actual deeds and triumphs. In God's account, sincere efforts are brilliant deeds, and brave, heroic struggles, splendid victories.

Estimating the state of religion within our bounds by these principles, we have sufficient grounds for encouragement. Had there not been a single addition to any of our churches during the past year—no successful results standing forth as visible monuments of our fidelity and zeal, even

then should we have greater occasion for joy than sorrow, for encouragement than despair.

The liberality of our people has abounded in their deep poverty. The spirit of sacrifice has been nobly manifested on the part of the stronger churches, bearing the burdens of the weaker, cheerfully sharing with the destitute the ministrations of faithful and beloved pastors. Brave hearts have heroically breasted the floods of error and vice, of formalism and worldliness, in times of abounding infidelity and iniquity, threatening the very existence of some of our churches. The very social and political disturbances which have harrassed the souls, alarmed the fears, crushed the hopes of the faithless and the faltering, have only developed the muscle and sinew of the piety of others, and every new trial and obstacle arouses new energies, which lay dormant, and fans to hot and living flames the feeble sparks and smouldering embers of piety.

The reports from our Presbyteries show a general and large increase of Christian activity and zeal, of self-denying and aggressive labors. There are evident and cheering signs of progress in evangelistic activity; in the pastoral fidelity of Elders; in the increased liberality of the people of God in supporting their pastors, and contributing to the various objects of Christian benevolence; in an increase of the number of prayer meetings, and the interest manifested in them, especially the Missionary Concerts for prayer; in a growing interest in Sabbath School and Bible classes; in an increase of candidates for the Gospel ministry; in an increased attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and of serious attention to the preaching of the Word; in large additions to individual churches.

The signal tokens of God's blessing attending the faithful labors of our theological students in our vacant churches during their summer vacation, is deserving of special mention, and should encourage us to avail ourselves more extensively, in the future, of these efficient laborers.

An earnest and devoted young brother has also been added to our little band of Foreign Missionaries, and will shortly, we trust, enter upon the mission work in China.

The silence of three of our Presbyteries concerning the colored people, warrants the conclusion that they are making little progress among this class. The Charleston Presbytery reports four colored churches in a flourishing condition, and the prospect of new organizations on the Assembly's plan.

Three aged servants of God have been taken from us by death during the past year. While we have abundant causes for humility, self-abasement and repentance, on account of the prevalence of slothfulness, lukewarmness and worldliness, we have sufficient grounds for encouragement and hopefulness. We would recognize, with devout gratitude to God, the cheering indications of the general outpouring of His Spirit upon our churches, in the general increase of activity and zeal, of liberality and self-denial, and of patient and laborious continuance in well-doing, in the midst of extraordinary difficulties and discouragements.

Rev. G. R. Brackett, from the committee to prepare a letter to Rev. W. M. Reid, presented a letter which was approved and ordered to be sent to Mr. Reid.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Gregg, the Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to send a copy of the Narrative to the office of the Southern Presbyterian, with a request for its publication in that paper.

Rev. T. H. Law offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the families of the Presbyterian Church, and the community of the Town of Sumter, for

the kind, generous, and Christian hospitality extended to the members during the sessions of this body; and that the pastor of this congregation be directed to express the same in the manner he may deem best.

Also, to the railroad companies which have extended facilities to the members in attending on the sessions of Synod; and that the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate this resolution to them.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Adger, it was ordered that the record in the matter of the General Assembly's injunction to the Presbyteries, teaching the Evangelistic work, be, *that the question was propounded to the Presbyteries as to their obedience to this injunction, and that they all answered in the affirmative.*

The Moderator announced that the missionary collection last night amounted to \$182.

Rev. P. Gowan, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that leave of absence had been granted to the following ministers, viz: James L. Martin, J. E. Dunlop, James H. Douglass, George Howe, D. D., R. H. Reid, J. S. Bailey, N. W. Edmunds, W. S. Plumer, D. D., and J. A. Cousar.

Also, to the Ruling Elders, Colonel T. C. Perrin, E. R. Plowden, Charles Douglass, J. C. Sutherland, T. G. Culp, J. S. Thompson, D. Ussery, J. A. Hafner and W. S. Brand.

Rev. W. H. Adams and Rev. R. E. Cooper, also, were excused by letter, for absence from the present meeting. Adopted.

The Committees on the Judiciary and on Bills and Overtures, reported that no business had come before them.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional services, conducted by Rev. Wm. Banks.

Synod then adjourned, after the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, on Wednesday, November 13th, 1872, at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

HENRY R. DICKSON, *Moderator.*

WM. BANKS, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Tabular Statement of the Churches, Ruling Elders and Deacons of the Synod of South Carolina.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

| <i>Ruling Elders.</i> | <i>Postoffice.</i> | <i>Deacons.</i> | <i>Postoffice.</i> |
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| <i>Allison Creek Church.</i> | | | |
| A. D. Choat, | Clay Hill, S. C. via Yorkville. | J. L. Bigger, | Clay Hill, S. C. |
| James Simril, | " | E. T. Brandon, | " |
| D. T. Partlow, | " | T. A. Douglass, | " |
| J. C. Hicklin, M. D., | " | | |
| William Choat, | " | | |
| R. H. Glenn, | " | | |
| Col. W. B. Allison,* | " | | |
| <i>Beersheba.</i> | | | |
| J. C. Caldwell, | Clark's Fork, S. C. | F. Walker, | Yorkville, S. C. |
| H. McCall, | Yorkville, S. C. | L. Smith, | " |
| A. Burns, | " | John Davies, | " |
| R. T. Allison, M. D., | " | S. Brown, | " |
| H. C. Thomasson,* | " | | |
| R. J. Brown, | " | | |
| <i>Bethel.</i> | | | |
| J. J. Wilson, | Bethel, S. C., | Dr. Adams, | Bethel, S. C. |
| A. A. McKenzie,* | Zeno, S. C. | Milton Currence, | " |
| J. D. P. Currence, | Bethel, | S. L. Adams, | " |
| J. L. Adams, | Bethel, | A. H. Barnett, | " |
| A. P. Campbell, M. D., | Bethel, | David Jackson, | " |
| | | Lawson Wilson, | " |
| | | W. J. Stowe, | " |
| | | J. C. Patrick, | " |
| | | N. B. Craig, | " |
| <i>Bethesda.</i> | | | |
| J. C. Tipping, | Guthriesville, S. C. | J. L. Moore, | Rock Hill, S. C. |
| William Hanna,* | " | D. D. Moore, | " |
| J. J. Moore, | " | A. Bratton, | Guthriesville, S. C. |
| J. M. Moore, | " | J. P. Moore, | McConnellsville. |
| J. M. McDowell, | " | Wm. Burris, | " |
| S. J. Hemphill,* | " | Richard Sadler, | Rockville, S. C. |
| E. R. Mills, | " | R. L. Lindsay, | Guthriesville, S. C. |
| R. S. Hope, | Chester. | | |
| <i>Beth Shiloh.</i> | | | |
| J. R. Hogue,* | Yorkville, S. C. | J. R. Wallace, | Yorkville, S. C. |
| M. L. Tate, | " | J. F. Campbell, | " |
| P. McCollum, | Zeno, S. C. | U. J. Fewell, | " |
| L. R. Williams, | Clay Hill, S. C. | J. A. M. L. Stewart, | Clay Hill, S. C. |
| <i>Bullock's Creek.</i> | | | |
| G. L. McNeil,* | Bullock's Creek. | A. Hafner, | Bullock's Creek. |
| G. Gallagher, | " | S. L. Davidson, | " |

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| D. Hood, J. M. Sherer, J. L. Guy, N. Nelson, M. Russell, J. Plexico, <i>Cane Creek.</i> | Bullock's Creek. " " " Blairsville. " | W. B. Sherer, | Blairsville, S. C. |
| F. Hobson,* W. J. Crocker, Robert C. Farr, <i>Carmel Hill.</i> | Santee, S. C. " " | | |
| James Robinson, <i>Catholic.</i> | Bullock's Creek. | | |
| James King, John Douglass, Sen., John Kerr, Robert Sandifer, D. R. Stevenson,* Charles Douglass, <i>Cedar Shoal.</i> | Hazelwood, S. C. Blackstock, S. C. " Rossville, S. C. " Gladdin's Grove. | Wm. Caldwell, Wm. Peden, W. B. Thompson, Wm. Douglass, Thomas D. Peay, J. J. Anderson, | Hazlewood. " " Blackstock. Rossville. " |
| D. G. Stinson,* John F. Davidson, Wm. S. McCorkle, J. N. Jamieson, <i>Concord.</i> | Cedar Shoal, S. C. " " Rock Hill, S. C. | | |
| Alexander Douglass, John Douglass, Jr., George H. Miller,* Walter Brice, Thomas Carlisle, <i>Douglass.</i> | Blackstock, S. C. " Yonguesville, S. C. " Chester, S. C. | | |
| H. H. Gooch, W. J. McIlvain,* Andrew McIlvain, <i>Ebenezer.</i> | Lancaster C. H. " " | W. B. Twitty, S. J. C. Dunlap, | Lancaster C. H. Cedar Shoal. |
| Francis Brown, John Barry, Francis Carothers, John McCullough, Peter Garrison, <i>Fairforest.</i> | Rock Hill, S. C. " " " " | J. J. Matthews, T. Carothers, Jos. W. Steele, T. L. Neely, | Rock Hill, S. C. " " " |
| John Wright,* John A. Black, T. P. Story, James Story, James Cunningham, <i>Fishing Creek.</i> | Jonesville, S. C. Pacolet Depot, Glenn's Springs. " " | W. J. T. Glenn, James K. Means, D. G. Stony, Alexander Black, | Glenn's Springs. " " Pacolet Depot. |
| G. H. Neely,* J. F. Wherry, Wm. Robinson, James T. Drennan, Minor Montgomery, <i>Grindal Shoals.</i> | Chestnut Grove. " Rock Hill, S. C. " Lewisville. | John H. Neely, Julius Mills, | Chestnut Grove. Smith's Turn Out. |
| F. W. Eison, W. F. Hodge, | Jonesville. " | | |

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| <i>Harmony.</i> | | | |
| J. M. Hope, | Blairsville, S. C. | A. E. Gittus, | Yorkville. |
| Cyrus Moore, | " | S. E. Carroll, | Blairsville. |
| J. G. Templeton, | Yorkville, S. C. | R. Hope, | " |
| A. S. Wallace, | " | | |
| C. W. Moore, | Blairsville, S. C. | | |
| <i>Hephzilah.—No report.</i> | | | |
| <i>Hopewell.</i> | | | |
| J. Shillinglaw,* | Rock Hill, | | |
| J. L. Hays, | " | | |
| F. B. Thomasson, | " | | |
| <i>Lancasterville.</i> | | | |
| G. McWitherspoon,* | Lancasterville. | J. W. Haseltine, | Lancasterville. |
| S. L. Strait, M. D. | " | Jas. Williamson, | " |
| Jas. H. W. Stevens. | Craigsville. | | |
| J. H. Witherspoon, M. D. | Lancasterville. | | |
| <i>Mt. Olivet.</i> | | | |
| Daniel McCollough, | Gladden's Grove. | | |
| James A. Beaty,* | " | | |
| James Johnston, | Winnsboro'. | | |
| James Caldwell, | " | | |
| Samuel Johnston, | " | | |
| Jos. C. Caldwell, | " | | |
| <i>Mt. Tabor.</i> | | | |
| W. Becknell, | Unionville, S. C. | J. G. Bailey, | Pinckneyville. |
| James Bailey,* | Pinckneyville | F. Cudd, | " |
| J. G. Plexico, | " | | |
| M. F. Cudd, | " | | |
| <i>Olivet.</i> | | | |
| Jacob Lucas, | McConnellsville. | J. D. Gwinn, | McConnellsville. |
| A. Hood, | " | R. W. Love, | " |
| E. N. Crawford, | " | R. M. Burris, | " |
| A. N. McNinch,* | Blairsville, S. C. | J. S. Gourly, | " |
| R. L. Lindsay. | Yorkville, S. C. | W. B. Love, | " |
| <i>Pleasant Grove.</i> | | | |
| H. M. Banks, | Blackstock, S. C. | Josiah Miller, Jr., | Chester, S. C. |
| Wm. Wallace, | Chester, S. C. | Israel Hood, Jr., | " |
| Wm. B. Robinson, | " | James Hamilton, | " |
| James Ralph, | " | Daniel Dunlap, | " |
| John A. Hafner, | " | John A. Thomson, | " |
| R. L. Miller,* | " | A. W. White, | " |
| <i>Purity.</i> | | James N. Knox, } | |
| Alex. Walker, | " | | |
| Robt. Wylie, | " | | |
| S. Alexander, | " | | |
| John W. Walker, | " | | |
| James Hemphill, | " | | |
| John A. Reedy, M. D.,* | " | | |
| <i>Rock Hill.</i> | | | |
| Capt. J. F. Workman, | Rock Hill, S. C. | R. W. Workman, | Rock Hill, S. C. |
| H. H. Hart, | " | A. H. White, | " |
| Maj. M. D. L. McLeod,* | " | Jas. N. Steele, | " |
| | | Wm. Whyte, | " |
| <i>Salem.</i> | | | |
| Col. R. G. Davidson,* | Gowdysville, S. C. | | |

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| Matthew Lynn, E. Parker, Wm. Estes, <i>Shiloh.</i> | Gowdysville, S. C. " " | | |
| R. B. Price, M. D., L. A. Hill, M. D.,* | Shelby, N. C. Antioch, S. C. | | |
| Jas. Hambright, A. M. Henry, Wm. Whisonant, <i>Six Mile Creek.</i> | " Clark's Fork, S. C. " | | |
| Col. W. W. Walkup,* Allen Morrow, John J. Porter, James Miller, <i>Unionville.</i> | Walkersville, N. C. Cureton's Store. " " | | |
| James B. Steadman, Wm. Perry, W. A. Nicholson, C. Gage,* <i>Unity.</i> | Unionville, S. C. " " " | John E. Colton, | Unionville, S. C. |
| J. L. Faulkner, T. G. Culp,* T. M. Neely, R. S. Wilson, <i>Waxhaw.</i> | Fort Mill, S. C. " " " | Col. J. M. White, B. F. Powell, | Fort Mill, S. C. " |
| J. N. Neely, Capt. J. C. Foster, J. T. K. Belk,* R. H. Crockett, Col. R. M. Sims, <i>Yorkville.</i> | Walkersville, N. C. Lancasterville. " " Rock Hill, S. C. | D. N. Crockett, S. J. Cureton. | Lancasterville. Rock Hill. |
| E. A. Crenshaw, M. D., S. R. Moore, J. H. Adams, J. F. Lindsay, M. D., Maj. J. F. Hart, J. R. Schorb,* <i>Zion.</i> | Yorkville, S. C. " " " " " | J. T. Lowry, F. M. Galbraith, N. C. Connor, James Mason, | Yorkville. " " " |
| J. G. Lowry,* J. E. Grier, S. C. Wilson, W. Conrad, W. N. Guy, | Chester, S. C. McConnellsville. " Chester, S. C. " | Neely Smith, T. T. Davidson, S. W. McNeil, | Chester, S. C. " " |

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| <i>2d Church, Charleston.</i> | | | |
| Robert C. Gilchrist, | Charleston, S. C., | William Dewees, | Charleston, S. C. |
| Hugh R. Banks, | " | C. N. Averill, | " |
| Geo. S. Cook, | " | J. N. Robson, | " |
| Wm. G. Smith, | " | James Allan, | " |

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| Alfred R. Stillman, J. Adger Smyth,* | Charleston, S. C. " | John Knox, Aug. T. Smythe, John S. Bird, | Charleston, S. C. " " |
| <i>Zion Ch., Charleston.</i> | | | |
| Robert Adger, Jas. M. Caldwell,† Jos. A. Enslow, Wm. Harral, F. M. Robertson, W. F. Robertson,* Thos. Stenhouse, Jas. H. Taylor, <i>First Church, Columbia.</i> | Charleston, S. C. " " " " " " " | O. A. Bowen, Jas. Caldwell, Jas. E. Fogartie, J. B. McElhose, Henry K. Silliman, Geo. Trenholm, Jr., | Charleston, S. C. Sumter, S. C. Davidson College. Charleston, S. C. " " |
| Eben Stenhouse,* Henry Muller, W. J. Duffie, F. W. McMaster, Andrew Crawford, <i>Walterboro' Church.</i> | Columbia. " " " " | | |
| Benjamin S. Rivers, <i>Aiken Church.</i> | Walterboro', S. C. | | |
| Wm. H. Townsend, Wm. M. Hutson, <i>Beach Island Church.</i> | Aiken, S. C. " | W. Schmidt, John States, | Aiken, S. C. " |
| John Nail, <i>Edisto Church.</i> | Augusta, Ga. | | |
| J. Jenkins Mikell, John Townsend, Archibald J. Clark,* <i>James Island Church.</i> | Edisto Island. " " | | |
| Ephraim M. Clark, John McLeod, Wm. B. Seabrook, <i>John's Island and Wad- malaw Church.</i> | | W. B. Hills, W. A. Clark, | |
| Dr. W. S. Whaley, J. B. L. Walpole, Joseph L. Stevens, <i>Wilton Church.</i> | | | |
| Hawkins S. King, Morton W. Clement, Henry Swinton, <i>Orangeburg Church.</i> | Adams Run, S. C. " " | | |
| Dr. Thos. A. Elliott,* Mortimer Glover, E. J. Oliveros, A. G. Salley, <i>Barnwell Church.</i> | Orangeburg, S. C. " " " | | |
| Dr. J. O. Hagood,* <i>Harmony Church.</i> | Barnwell, S. C. | | |
| Dr. W. H. Wyman, <i>Mount Pleasant Church.</i> | | | |
| John Ferguson, | Charleston, S. C. | | |

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| <i>Aimwell.</i> | | | |
| A. K. Craig,* | Ridgeway, S. C. | J. A. Kennedy, | Ridgeway, S. C. |
| R. R. Rosborough, | " | R. A. Rosborough, | " |
| J. F. Kennedy, | " | | |
| G. W. Campbell, | " | | |
| <i>Beaver Creek.</i> | | | |
| D. M. Ussery,* | Flat Rock, S. C. | David R. Reaves, | Flat Rock. |
| W. S. Ussery, | " | Z. L. Robeson, | " |
| James Stover, | " | | |
| Jos. Kirkland, | " | | |
| C. L. Dye, | " | | |
| <i>Bennettsville.</i> | | | |
| J. B. Jennings, M. D.* | Bennettsville. | A. J. Divall, | Bennettsville. |
| Alex. Sutherland, | " | T. E. Dudley, | " |
| W. A. Crosland, | | E. P. Ervin, | " |
| <i>Beulah.</i> | | | |
| J. K. McIlveen,* | Shiloh, S. C. | A. H. Thompson, | Bethlehem. |
| Elijah McIlveen, | " | J. D. McNeill, | " |
| S. B. Coker, | Bethlehem, S. C. | J. J. Dickerson, | " |
| W. C. McNeill, | " | | |
| <i>Bishopville.</i> | | | |
| Robt. M. English,* | Bishopville, S. C. | R. E. Muldrow, | Bishopville. |
| Robt. Fraser, | " | Wm. Barrett, | " |
| J. A. Carnes, | " | | |
| J. S. Bradley, | " | | |
| A. Flinn Causar, | " | | |
| <i>Brewington.</i> | | | |
| E. R. Plowden,* | Manning. | E. N. Plowden, | Manning, S. C. |
| J. B. Bagnall, | " | Isaac Montgomery, | " |
| <i>Camden.</i> | | | |
| A. M. Kennedy,* | Camden. | J. K. Witherspoon, | Camden. |
| W. H. R. Workman, | " | R. M. Kennedy, | " |
| R. J. McCreight, | " | | |
| <i>Cantire.</i> | | | |
| Neill McDuffie,* | Little Rock, S. C. | J. S. Murphy, | Little Rock, S. C. |
| J. McIntyre, | | D. Campbell, | " |
| <i>Carolina.</i> | | | |
| James McQueen, | Shoe Heel, N. C. | H. McRea, | Shoe Heel, N. C. |
| D. McLawrin. | " | A. McDonald, | " |
| James McRea, | " | D. A. McLaurin, | " |
| P. Alford, | " | H. McCoy, | " |
| Daniel McLeod, | " | | |
| L. McLaurin,* | " | | |
| <i>Centre Point.</i> | | | |
| T. C. Law,* | Hartsville. | E. W. Cannon, | Hartsville, S. C. |
| J. F. Green, | " | J. H. Kelly, | " |
| John W. Harrington, | " | | |
| <i>Cheraw.</i> | | | |
| John F. Matheson, | Cheraw. | W. A. McCreight, | Cheraw. |
| Alex. McQueen, | " | J. K. MacLean, | " |
| Gen. W. L. T. Prince,* | | | |

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| <i>Concord.</i> | | | |
| Henry Spann,* | Mayesville. | J. D. McFaddin, | Sumter. |
| R. R. Durant, | Sumter. | W. J. Durant, | " |
| A. J. Chandler, | " | | |
| W. T. Brogden, | " | | |
| <i>Darlington.</i> | | | |
| E. A. Law, | Darlington. | W. E. James, | Darlington. |
| H. G. Charles, | " | | |
| J. J. James, | " | | |
| <i>Elon.</i> | | | |
| J. B. Montgomery,* | Salter's Depot. | | |
| <i>Florence.</i> | | | |
| J. P. Chase,* | Florence, S. C. | Alex. McKenzie, | Florence, S. C. |
| D. Graham, | | John McSween, | " |
| | | J. Morgan McCown | " |
| <i>Great Peedee.</i> | | | |
| D. Matheson,* | Bennettsville. | | |
| George Dudley, | " | | |
| Benj N. Rogers, | " | | |
| J. C. Stuart, | " | | |
| <i>Hephzilah.</i> | | | |
| W. W. Fraser,* | Mechanicsville, | T. J. McCutchen, | Mechanicsville. |
| L. L. Fraser, Sr., | " | | |
| G. B. McCutchen, | " | | |
| <i>Hermon.</i> | | | |
| Stephen Fore, | Marion, S. C. | | |
| <i>Hopewell.</i> | | | |
| A. W. Ross,* | Mar's Bluff, S. C. | Smylie A. Gregg, | Mar's Bluff. |
| S. Elijah Gregg, | " | A. Stuart Gregg, | " |
| D. Reese Gregg, | " | | |
| <i>Horeb.</i> | | | |
| Jacob Bookman, | Winnsboro, S. C. | | |
| Joel W. Ashford,* | " | | |
| John Brown, | " | | |
| <i>Indian Town.</i> | | | |
| Jas. McCutchen,* | Kingstree. | T. M. McCutchen, | Kingstree. |
| J. A. James, M. D., | " | J. C. Josey, | Black Mingo, S C. |
| J S Cunningham, M D, | " | Julian Wilson. | Indian Town, S C. |
| F. N. Wilson, | China Grove, S C. | | |
| <i>Kinston.</i> | | | |
| Jos. T. Walsh,* | Conwayboro, S C. | | |
| <i>Liberty Hill.</i> | | | |
| J. S. Thompson, | Liberty Hill, S C | Wiley Patterson, | Liberty Hill. |
| Wm. Dixon, | " | L. C. Thompson, | " |
| R. B. Cunningham, | " | R. B. Patterson, | " |
| W. K. Thompson,* | " | | |
| <i>Little Peedee.</i> | | | |
| D. W. Carmichael, | Floydsville. | J. C. McIntyre, | Campbell's bridge |
| E. Carmichael,* | Campbell's bridge | | |
| A. Carmichael, | " | | |
| <i>Lebanon.</i> | | | |
| J. M. Lemon, | Winnsboro, S. C. | R. A. Herron, | Winnsboro. |
| Robert Aiken, | " | A. J. Hamilton, | " |
| A. M. Paul, | " | W. M. Martin, | " |
| W. A. McDowell,* | " | James Turner, | " |

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| <i>Lynchburg.</i> | Lynchburg. | | |
| J. G. McIntosh, | " | | |
| J. A. Budden,* | " | | |
| J. Commander, | " | | |
| Wm. S. Hudson, | " | | |
| Frank DeSchamps, | | | |
| <i>Manning.</i> | Manning. | S. M. Plowden, | Manning. |
| B. P. Barron,* | " | J. M. McFaddin, | " |
| J. S. McFaddin, | " | J. J. Harvin, | " |
| J. C. Burgess, | " | | |
| John Blakely, | " | | |
| R. A. Chandler, | " | | |
| J. J. Conyers, | " | | |
| <i>Marion.</i> | | | |
| W. H. Witherow,* | Marion, S. C. | | |
| D. Fore, | " | | |
| W. D. Johnson, | " | | |
| <i>Midway.</i> | | | |
| R. E. McFadden,* | Shiloh, S. C. | | |
| S. A. Burgess, | Sandy Grove, S. C. | | |
| N. R. Cousar, | " | | |
| W. H. McIlveen, | " | | |
| B. G. Pierson, | " | | |
| W. S. Brand, | " | | |
| <i>Mt. Zion.</i> | | | |
| S. E. Wilson,* | Mayersville, S. C. | J. W. Montgomery, | Mayesville. |
| A. Wilson, | " | J. J. Shaw, | " |
| A. F. Wilson, | " | H. H. Wilson, | " |
| W. W. Bradley, | " | B. F. Wilson, | " |
| E. M. Gregg, | " | | |
| W. M. Scott, | Lynchburg, S. C. | | |
| <i>Pine Tree.</i> | | | |
| Daniel Bethune,* | Lynchwood, S. C. | D. M. Bethune, | Lynchwood. |
| Kenneth McCaskill, | Camden. | | |
| Charles Perkins, | " | | |
| Allen McCaskill, | Lynchwood. | | |
| <i>Pisgah.</i> | | | |
| D. Douglass,* | Chesterfield, C. H. | | |
| Edward Clark, | Jefferson, S. C. | | |
| Neil McNair, | " | | |
| <i>Red Bluff.</i> | | | |
| L. L. McLaurin,* | Clio, S. C. | J. F. McLaurin, | Clio, S. C. |
| S. Hubbard, | " | Peter Hubbard, | " |
| D. W. McLaurin, | " | | |
| — Parish, | " | | |
| <i>Reedy Creek.</i> | | | |
| J. L. Alford, | Little Rock. | Duncan Sinclair, | Little Rock. |
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The churches of Antioch, Bethia, Duncan's Creek, Honea Path, Lodimont, North Pacolet, Pickens C. H., and Tugalo, have not reported the names of their Ruling Elders and Deacons; nor has any Church of this Presbytery indicated the name of the Clerk of its Session.

The following Statistical Report was handed in after the other reports had gone to press :

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it consists of fourteen Ministers and eighteen Churches, and has under its care two candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Since the last meeting of Synod, Presbytery has dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. E. Boggs and the 1st Church, Columbia; between the Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D., and the 2d Church, Charleston; and between the Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., and Zion Church, Charleston. It has dismissed the Rev. W. E. Boggs to the Presbytery of Memphis; the Rev. Joseph B. Maen to the Presbytery of Concord and the Rev. George J. Porter to the Presbytery of New Castle, Delaware. Presbytery has received from S. C. Presbytery, the Licentiate, John T. McBryde, and from Harmony Presbytery, the Rev. G. R. Brackett. It has ordained the Licentiate, F. S. Super, as an Evangelist, and ordained and installed the Licentiate, John T. McBryde, as Pastor of the Aiken Church. It has taken action, also, for the installation of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, as Pastor of Zion Church, Charleston.

C. S. VEDDER, *Stated Clerk.*